

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Placer County Department of Facility Services
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Project Title: Sewer Maintenance District 3 De-Nitrification Project

Project Location: 4928 Auburn Folsom Road, Loomis, California

County: Placer

Description of Project: The project consists of construction of 1) a de-nitrification filter system including filters, pump station, air blowers and pumps, a chemical feed system, and electrical equipment; 2) the bypass and abandonment of existing filter system; and 3) a trickling filter recycle pump at the SMD 3 wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The project is being implemented to comply with the final nitrate effluent limit in the WWTP's NPDES permit.

Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project: Placer County Department of Facility Services

Exempt Status: (check one and cite)

- ☐ Ministerial -
- ☐ Declared Emergency -
- ☒ X Categorical (cite) - CEQA Guidelines, section 15301, Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory (cite) -

Reason Why Project is Exempt: Pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, Existing Facilities, projects that consist of the minor alteration of existing facilities which do not result in an expansion of the use beyond that existing are categorically exempt from further CEQA review. The improvements will not increase the capacity of the WWTP but will allow the WWTP to meet the final nitrate discharge limitation effective in 2011 and safeguard against related WWTP failures. Based upon the data reviewed and included in the Exemption Analysis prepared for this project, Placer County has determined that the improvements would not result in significant environmental impacts. The design of the improvement has mitigated the risks related to storage of hazardous wastes, flooding, and noise; overall, the project will improve the quality of the water discharged from the plant. A copy of the Exemption Analysis is available for review at the Placer County Department of Facility Services offices.

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